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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	STORAGE SYSTEM, A METHOD OF FILE DATA BACKUP AND A METHOD OF COPYING OF FILE DATA

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 10 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
☒ Transmittal of certified copy of Japanese application 2001-156724 to claim priority date of May 25, 2001.
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement with prior art reference.
☐ An assignment of the invention to _____.
☐ An Unexecuted Declaration
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